

REMARKS

By this paper, new claims 12-22 have been added and claims 1-19 of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report have been cancelled. No new matter is added by this amendment. Rather, new claims 12-22 include subject matter that was previously included in claims 1-11 of international application no. PCT/DE03/01205, but has been rewritten to conform with U.S. patent laws, rules and regulations. Accordingly, favorable consideration of the application in light of this preliminary amendment is requested.

With this preliminary amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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